

Docket No.: 55071-268

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of

Xuelong SHI, et al.

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For: AUTOMATIC OPTICAL PROXIMITY CORRECTION (OPC) RULE GENERATION

**CLAIM OF PRIORITY**

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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 119, Applicants hereby claim the priority of:

**U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/398,571, filed July 26, 2002**

cited in the Declaration of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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